

DEER LODGE VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular meeting March 12, 2019
6:30 PM - USDA Building

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Janke. Supervisors present were John Hollenback, Dwight Crawford, Jim Lee, Don Despain and Troy McQueary. Also present were Will McDowell, Bret Bledsoe, Jason Lindstrom and Susie Johnson.

It was moved by Jim Lee, seconded by Don Despain and motion carried to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Treasurer Dwight Crawford reported \$4,431.01 in the district checking account and \$944.77 in the districts Range Days account.

District Administrator Susie Johnson provided written financial reports. The balance in Petty Cash is \$96.56 and \$53,853.39 in County Funds.

CLAIMS TO BE PAID:

Petty Cash (postage)	\$ 22.20
SWCDM (Plant Material donation)	25.00
NACD (dues)	500.00
MT Envirothon (2 teams)	200.00
MACD (dues)	765.31
<u>Newland & Co. (audit)</u>	<u>7,650.00</u>
Total	\$ 9,162.51

It was moved by Dwight Crawford, seconded by Jim Lee and motion carried to approve these claims.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. WRC was discussed. John Hollenback reported on WRC project updates. Mill Town water rights were discussed. WRC will hold 6 public meetings to inform the water right users on what will take place with the call on their water. These meetings will take place the first 2 weeks in May starting with Gold Creek.
2. Livestock Seminar was discussed. The check was presented to the Rialto Board on March 5th in the amount of \$3,000.00. Jim Lee, Troy McQueary and Susie presented this check.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Envirothon sponsorship was discussed. The board received two applications from Powell County High School for sponsorship to the Envirothon. It was moved by Jim Lee, seconded by Don Despain and motion carried to sponsor these two teams in the amount of \$100 per team. If any other teams request sponsorship then the district will pay for those teams to attend.
2. Natural Resource Field Day first meeting will be Monday, March 18th @ 1:00 in the USDA conference room.
3. Range and No-till drill were discussed by Troy McQueary. Troy would like to take both drills out to the Prison to have them looked over before they are rented out this spring. It was moved by Jim Lee, seconded by Dwight Crawford and motion carried to take both

drills out to the prison to have them looked over and cover any expenses that may occur. FFA would like to use our no-till drill for a mechanic's contest that they will participate in. It was moved by Jim Lee, seconded by Don Despain to let the FFA use our no-till drill.

SB310:

1. DLV-01-19, John Rusin, Little Blackfoot River
 Bank Stabilization/Flood Protection/Placement of Fill.
 The district received the updated design and coordinates for this project. It was moved by Dwight Crawford, seconded by Don Despain and motion carried to issue a permit conditioned on the modifications of the team member report.

2. DLV-02-19, Montana Rail Link, Little Blackfoot River
 Culvert/Wetland Alteration/New Railroad siding/placement of fill
 It was moved by Jim Lee, seconded by Troy McQueary and motion carried to approve this application as a project and issue a permit conditioned on the team member inspection report.

3. DLV-03-19, Rick Duncan, Racetrack Creek
 Bank Stabilization/Fish Habitat
 It was moved by Dwight Crawford, seconded by Troy McQueary and motion carried to approve this application as a project and issue a permit conditioned on the team member inspection report.

4. DLV-04-19, Perkins Ranch, Dempsey Creek
 Irrigation structure/Diversion Dam/Debris Removal
 It was moved by Dwight Crawford, seconded by John Hollenback and motion carried to approve this application as a project and issue a permit conditioned on the team member inspection report.

5. DLV-05-19, Dan McQueary, Cottonwood Creek
 Channel Alteration/Irrigation Structure/Fish Habitat.
 It was moved by Don Despain, seconded by Dwight Crawford and motion carried to approve this application as a project and issue a permit conditioned on the team member inspection report.

MT FW&P 124 permits:

1. Powell County, Clark Fork River, Bank Stabilization was noted.
2. USFS Pintler Ranger District, NF Cottonwood Creek, Culvert Replacement was noted.

AGENCY REPORTS:

1. Bret Bledsoe reported on RCPP. There are three applications for the EQIP RCPP funds. The regular EQIP will take place this year but in 2020 the new Montana Focused Conservation will take place.

NEXT MEETING IS: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 6:30 pm., in the USDA Building.

Submitted by Susie Johnson

Date: March 14, 2019